

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

April 8, 2015

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson
Phyllis Hansell
Alexa Heffernan
Guy Richardson
Kim Spading
Roberta Yoder

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Representative Joel Fry (absent)
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)
Senator Mark Segebart (absent)

STAFF

Sally Titus
Sandy Knudsen
Deb Johnson
Deb Covington
Brad Horn

Nancy Freudenberg
Wendy Rickman
Lorrie Tritch
Jen Harbison
Amy McCoy

GUESTS

Kaci O'Day-Goldstein, Iowa Foster Adoptive Parents Association
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Iowa Department of Management
Jeff Franklin, Office of the Chief Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Anderson, Vice Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in the first floor conference rooms of the Hoover State Office Building.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

RULES

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council:

R-1 Amendments to Chapter 78, Medicaid. Eliminate the two-business day advance notice for mileage reimbursement trips. These amendments also define a timeframe for which a member or transportation provider may submit a claim to the broker for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Yoder to approve and seconded by Spading. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

R-2 Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Provide that, to the extent funding is appropriated, the reasonable costs of staff training will be treated as direct costs.

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Increases premiums for applicants and recipients under the Medicaid for Employed Persons with Disabilities program with income over 150% of the federal poverty level.

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Increase the statewide average cost of nursing facility services to a private-pay person. These amendments also update the average costs for nursing facilities, Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMICs), and Mental Health Institutions (MHIs), and the maximum Medicaid rate for Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IDs) which are used to determine the disposition of income of a medical assistance income trust (MAIT).

N-3 Amendments to Chapter 79, 85, and 88, Medicaid. Change the reimbursement methodology for non-state owned PMICs.

A motion was made by Richardson to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Spading to approve the minutes of March 11, 2015 and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DHS SECURITY AND PRIVACY OVERVIEW

Lorrie Tritch, Chief Information Officer, DHS Division of Data Management, reported that information security and privacy is an ongoing journey. It is important to protect individual data from outside threats. HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) rules require appropriate safeguards to protect individually identifiable health information.

Jeff Franklin, Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for the State, and Deb Covington, DHS Information Security and Privacy Officer gave an overview regarding security and privacy from a “world view” as well as how DHS addresses data security. They stressed the importance of:

- Technical security controls to maintain system security
- Protection of DHS Websites (DHS has 47 public facing web applications)
- Protection of confidentiality, integrity and availability of citizen’s data
- Establishing a security-aware culture
- Managing threats and incidents impacting the agency’s information resources
- Educating employees about their information protection responsibilities

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jen Harbison, Policy Advisor, reported the following:

Director Palmer’s Senate confirmation hearing will take place on or before April 15.

DHS continues to answer questions and provide information to the legislature concerning Medicaid Modernization and the closure of Clarinda a Mt. Pleasant Mental Health Institutions.

DHS continues to keep the legislature and staff apprised of impacts to the department regarding budget and policy bills.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Council members thanked outgoing Council member Roberta Yoder for her dedication and expertise as a member of the Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Titus, Deputy Director, reported the following:

- The adult psychiatric and dual diagnosis programs at Mt. Pleasant have been closed. Clarinda is serving 3 individuals in their adult psychiatric program at this time. An additional 30 beds will be added to the adult psychiatric program at the Independence Mental Health Institution.
- DHS continues to respond to questions from vendors and interested parties concerning Medicaid Modernization efforts. A number of stakeholder public meetings have been held across the state.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Council adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary

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